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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Monthly Production Reports

Re: me

We recently received a copy of your memorandum instituting a monthly production report for OER, OGCR, OPA, OSI, OSR, and OWI. OIA was not asked to submit such a report--presumably on the grounds that at least the bulk of our product eventually finds its way into the product of the offices that will be submitting reports. I cannot dispute the validity of that proposition, but I still believe that it would be useful and proper for us to participate in the reporting exercise for the following reasons:

-- OIA does produce a substantial amount of intelligence. Admittedly, it is intelligence that is more limited in character than the production of the all-source offices, but it often forms the basis for the judgments of their analyses and I believe that it would be useful for you to know the extent to which this occurs.

-- Our judgments and products sometimes stand by themselves and you would not know about them otherwise.

-- Most of our products are available throughout the intelligence community both by means of the original distribution and by retrieval through the OCR AEGIS system.

-- You would be understating NFAC output by not including our products in any statistical summaries compiled from the monthly reports.

-- Last, but not least, our participation in the exercise would have a positive impact on Office morale. Our people would know that you and other senior NFAC managers are aware of the contribution OIA is making to NFAC's overall production effort.

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Not having been directed not to, I have taken the liberty of constructing an OIA production report for the month of October. If you would like the October report to be the final one as well as the first, please so advise and I will cease and desist.



Noel E. Firth
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